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FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, SF, WA

SUBJECT: CONTACT GROUP MEETING OF MARCH 13

REF: USUN 867

1. CONTACT GROUP AGREED MARCH 13 AD REFERENDUM TO  
CAPITALS ON DRAFT MESSAGE (SEPTTEL) TO ACCOMPANY  
REVISED PROPOSAL WHEN PRESENTED TO GOVERNMENTS OF  
FRONTLINE STATES, NIGERIA, AND GABON. IT HAS BEEN  
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CONTACT GROUP'S INTENT THAT THIS MESSAGE BE  
DELIVERED IN THE FORM OF A LETTER FROM WESTERN  
FIVE HEADS OF STATE TO THE HEADS OF STATE OF THE  
FRONTLINE STATES, NIGERIA, AND GABON OR ALTERNATIVELY  
FROM FOREIGN MINISTERS TO FOREIGN MINISTERS.  
CANADIANS, HOWEVER, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE  
GROUP CONSIDER USING THE SAME FORMAT USED

BY THE FIVE FREQUENTLY IN THE PAST: A WRITTEN MESSAGE FROM GOVERNMENTS TO GOVERNMENTS. FOR REASONS OF TIME THE GROUP BELIEVES THIS LATTER SUGGESTION MAY HAVE TO BE ADOPTED. REGARDLESS OF FORMAT, HOWEVER, IT CONTINUES TO BE GROUP'S VIEW THAT MESSAGE AND THE ACCOMPANYING PROPOSAL SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO HOST GOVERNMENTS, WHEN THE TIME COMES, AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL.

2. CONTACT GROUP WILL MEET AM MARCH 14 TO CONSIDER THE TWO SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WHICH REMAIN TO BE DISCUSSED BEFORE REVISION OF THE PROPOSAL IS COMPLETED: (A) THE TIMING OF WITHDRAWAL; AND (B) THE TREATMENT OF THE ETHNIC FORCES, ETC. CONTACT GROUP WILL AT SAME TIME FINALIZE DRAFT TALKING POINTS FOR USE BY WESTERN FIVE EMBASSIES IN FRONTLINE STATES, NIGERIA, AND GABON IN EXPLAINING TO HOST GOVERNMENTS THE CLARIFICATIONS WHICH ARE BEING INCORPORATED INTO THE REVISED PROPOSAL. YOUNG

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